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MANY FUNCTIONS SET FOR COMMENCEMENT

REV. W. J. LUSCOMBE WILL DELIVER BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY EVENING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

FESTIVAL FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Juniors will Tender Reception Friday Evening—Class Day Exercises Scheduled for Next Thursday—Commencement Friday, May 16.

The last week of the school year at Ontario High School will be a big week for the classes of 1919 and the school in general. The second annual May Festival, Baccalaureate Service, Class Day, the annual Junior-Senior Reception and the usual Commencement exercises, are among the events for the week.

The first feature of the week will be the second May Festival which will be staged on the afternoon of Friday, May 9. This event last year was a very pretty affair and under the direction of Miss Victoria Stanka, director, promises to be an enjoyable presentation.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. W. J. Luscombe of the local Methodist church. This service will be conducted at the Baptist church on the evening of Sunday, May 11.

Tomorrow evening a reception to the Juniors will be given by the Juniors. This is an annual custom and the class of 1919 is planning to make this year's reception edgier than former performances of this event.

Senior Class Day will be Thursday, May 15. Arrangements are yet in the making but will very likely include the Farewell Address, the Class Will, the Class Prophecy, and other customary features.

The Commencement exercises proper will take place in the High School auditorium on the evening of Friday, May 16. Dr. John Straub, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Oregon will make the address to the happy young people who will receive their diplomas. The high school class club will also present several numbers on that evening.

Seventeen to Graduate. The class of 1919 of Ontario High School will number seventeen graduates. This is the smallest class since 1915 when thirteen graduated from the local school. The following young folks will receive their diplomas:

Cecile M. Logan, Viola Belle Husted, Amy Carol Canfield, Lola Macelene Hower, Lucile Mary Bigras, Mamie Florence Stewart, Gladys Margaret Udick, Myrtle Irene Stewart, Ina Draper DeFoe, Delta M. Hill, Orville L. Walter, Roscoe B. Conklin, Steven L. Fleider, Howard H. Bennett, Darrell L. Hower, Jack M. Taylor, Paul R. McCulloch.

DEAN STRAUB WILL DELIVER ORATION

Veteran Educator to Address Class of 1919 on Commencement Program Friday Evening, May 16.

Dr. John Straub of the University of Oregon has been secured by Supt. Douglass to deliver the commencement address to the class of 1919 of the local high school. Dr. Straub who is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University, is probably the most popular commencement speaker of the Northwest.

Several attempts have been made to secure Dr. Straub in years previous. The address, which is the feature of the commencement exercises, will be delivered in the high school auditorium on the evening of Friday, May 16.

On this evening the high school class club will also present several numbers.

Dean Straub will be remembered by the high school students and faculty to whom he talked in high school assembly a few weeks ago.

Nysa Rancher for Good Roads

John Kabekeke, who years ago used to live in this section, but who gave way to the lure that some times sends folks "back East," after a stay in the West has thoroughly recovered from that malady and is back in Malheur county again and on a ranch near his relatives, the Tensen Brothers. Mr. Kabekeke spent most of the years of his absence in Michigan, and declares that the stay back there made him a good roads advocate. "Why, it is a shame," he said, "to think that land which will produce as does the land of Malheur county should be served by such roads as are here now." Mr. Kabekeke was in Ontario Monday to get back in the Argus family, and his name is on the list.

ONTARIO MASONS ENJOY BIG TIME AT WEISER SESSION

Thirty-two Ontario members of the A. F. & A. M. motored to Weiser Tuesday evening to enjoy a big session of the Weiser lodge and watch the proceedings which took two candidates thru the third degree. Following the initiation what the visitors declared to be a "real banquet," was served and everyone who made the trip reported a most enjoyable time.

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO COUNTY SOLDIERS

ONTARIO WOMEN PLAN RECEPTION OF SERVICE RENDERED NATION BY BOYS IN ALL BRANCHES

MONDAY, MAY 19, IS DATE

Community Picnic in Park With Honored Places for the Men Who Wore Uniform—Parade Precedes—All Stores to Close—Picnic Dinner for All.

Ontario women, and all civic bodies together with every citizen in the community will unite to pay a fitting tribute to the men from Malheur county who wore the uniform. The public reception planned at a meeting of representatives of the various women's organizations at the call of the W. C. T. U. which was held on Tuesday afternoon, determined that the function shall take the form of the community picnic, a general gathering to pay homage to the men everyone knows who went from the section to serve the nation in its hour of need.

Everyone Welcome. The occasion is not for Ontario only. It is for all the people of the county who desire to honor the boys with their presence—just turn the crank of the car that made Henry famous and bring the family to town and help give the boys a thoro feeling that what they did was appreciated by their homefolks and that we all pay them this fitting honor.

The date for this gala occasion for Ontario and Malheur county will be Monday May 19. The hour has been set for five p. m., preceding which, however, there will be a civic parade followed by a picnic dinner in the park.

The boys of the A. E. F. the U. S. N. and those who were in the service so far from the training camps will be the honored guests, they will occupy the table to be laden with the good things to eat which the women of Ontario will prepare.

Every family in town is asked to bring the family supper, in lunch baskets to join the general gathering. A program will be held, minus long speeches—unless the boys want to make them—and there will be a community sing and—well a good time.

Send in Boys' Names. The women in charge—Mrs. L. Adam was named general chairman want first of all, the names of all the boys from the county who entered the service. More especially they want the names of the boys who can be present at the reception. They want these names so that places can be especially prepared for each of them. Relatives or friends are asked to personally urged all the boys who can to be here. Mrs. A. S. Brown, the secretary, should be notified.

The committee that has the reception in charge is to hold a special meeting Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and all members of the Commercial club, any one who is not who desires to have a part in the arrangements is urged to be present. The committee will request a proclamation closing the stores for the afternoon, after 4 o'clock and will have many other matters to be considered.

FRANK LYLES BACK FROM SERVICE ON FOREIGN SOIL

Among the latest arrivals from the other side is Frank Lyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lyles. Mr. Lyles spent more than a year over there in the service. He landed in France shortly before the war ended from England where he was stationed for many months and enjoyed many unique experiences.

WOUNDED HERO WINS FORMER ONTARIO GIRL AS BRIDE

According to advices received by the Argus there occurred at Weiser on April 29 the marriage of Miss Josephine Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wright formerly of this city, to George Roadman. The groom who was one of Pershing's men in France was wounded in the Argonne fighting and has just recently returned after spending several months at the army hospital at West Baden, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Roadman will make their home at Crystal, Idaho.

C. C. Wilson of Nysa was in Ontario yesterday renewing acquaintance. Mr. Wilson is devoting most of his time these days to developing a ranch near Nysa.

WATER AND SEWER QUESTIONS PUZZLE

CITY COUNCIL SPENDS EVENING DEBATING NEEDS OF SECTIONS PETITIONING FOR IMPROVEMENTS NOW

SAND COMES IN WATER MAINS

Adding Machine Purchased to Figure Water Bill—One Street Light too Costly for Installation—Wanted Good Drinking Fountain.

Petitions for lateral sewers continue to appear at the sessions of the City Council, likewise there are still requests for water extensions. These are the ever present problems which the city council has to solve. The meeting Monday night was no exception. In fact a greater portion of the evening was spent in their consideration.

The problem of building sewers is not worrying the city fathers as much as what shall be done to keep the sand in the water filters where it belongs and out of the city mains. Water Superintendent Stolle reported that reports of white sand in the mains have become frequent of late. Others confirmed the report.

The council was informed that Mr. Bovard, expert of the California Jewel Filter company, who put in the system will reach Ontario today to investigate conditions and put them right.

While struggling with this problem the water superintendent told the council that the motor which operates the big pump is not performing up to specifications and runs hot. This is another trouble for the water committee to thresh out with Mr. Bovard.

A petition was received from the property owners in block No. 11 asking for a lateral sewer, while one is pending for the block across the street. Likewise there is a petition asking for water in that section of the city. After discussing possible relief for the petitioners the council determined to ask for an engineer's report on the possibility of combining the requests thus making one district.

City Recorder Stearns informed the council that the Idaho Power company declined to put in one light as ordered on Park Boulevard, but would install three since the cost for one would be \$150, which the company has to pay. No action was taken in the matter.

The council discussed at length the troubles of the drinking fountain put in by the W. C. T. U. three years ago which has been out of condition a large portion of the time. The water superintendent told the council that the trouble was due to the type of the fountain, and that a new fountain, one that would run constantly could be had for \$45. No action resulted, there being no funds available.

To remove the trouble in the lateral sewer from the south end of town in the alley between Oregon and Richardson streets the council ordered a flush tank installed at the terminus.

To assist in tabulating the growing water accounts an adding machine was purchased for the Recorder's office.

The council also learned that the business of the water department is growing each month at the rate of almost one new connection per day. There are now 260 individual connections.

FIRST HORSE RACE IS CAUSE OF SECOND

Roy Williams' Colt, Stranger Winner Over H. H. Tunny's Red Cross Molly to Meet Lady May.

When Stranger, the colt that Roy Williams of the K. S. & D. is training for the fall circuit beat H. H. Tunny's Red Cross Molly in a three-eighths race last Saturday afternoon he contracted right there for a race this coming Saturday afternoon with Mr. Tunny's other pony, Lady May.

The race last Saturday afternoon was witnessed by a gallery of enthusiasts who enjoyed the event. Well might they have done so for it was in the parlance of the track, "a real horse race."

Red Cross Molly lead all the way from the start to the turn of the track and had a lead of length which she held until the last 100 yards when Stranger developed a burst of speed and showed his mettle as a stayer. He took the heat in 38 with a length to the good.

OWYHEE PROJECT IS ATTRACTING NOTICE

REPRESENTATIVE OF FINANCIAL SYNDICATE OFFERS TO MAKE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF PROJECT

INTEREST GUARANTEE DRAWS

Directors Like Tone of Proposal but Hope for Government Aid—Will Not Repeat Warm Springs Performance—Congressman's Visit Inspires Hope.

That the constitutional amendment introduced by Representative P. J. Gallagher of this district, permitting the guarantee by the state of irrigation and drainage securities for five years, will draw capital to feasible irrigation projects is evidenced in a letter written to the directors of the Owyhee District by E. G. Hopson, of San Francisco, which appears below.

Mr. Hopson who for several years was an engineer for the United States Reclamation service is now in the employ of a syndicate of bankers, and was here in Ontario three years ago to investigate on the Warm Springs system.

A perusal of Mr. Hopson's letter indicates that the Owyhee Project will some day be built and that it can be built at a reasonable figure per acre. The letter has encouraged the directors to hope that in the not distant future means can be found to finance the project should it not be included in the reconstruction plans of the reclamation service.

Directors Wait on Government.

The directors of the Owyhee project are not going to permit their plans to become involved in the perplexities that surrounded the Warm Springs project some three years ago when that district angled for government funds while dickering for the sale of bonds to private capital. The needs of the Owyhee are to be presented to the government officials first, and so long as prospects are reasonably bright for government aid no steps will be taken to seek private capital for the project.

In his letter to the directors Mr. Hopson says:

I have recently studied the Owyhee Project with a view to determining whether it will be possible to submit a business proposition to the Owyhee Irrigation District looking to the financing and construction of the project. In this matter I am acting in co-operation with business and financial interests capable of supporting and completing a project of this magnitude, provided the situation warrants such support.

I am not at this time prepared to advance definite conclusions, but I have reached a point where I am reasonably sure of the early development of some practical plan that may enable the project to proceed.

I fully appreciate the difficult physical features of this project, having personally investigated it at the time of the Cooperative Surveys and Reports of 1915-16. These cooperative surveys were, in fact, organized and started under my direction as

WARMSPRINGS BONDS VOTED FOUR TO ONE

Provision Made for the Financing of the Complete Project—Vote 89 For to 23 Against

By a vote of 89 for, to 23 against the supplementary bond issue of the Warm Springs Irrigation district carried at the election held Wednesday. By this issue the land owners authorized the issuance of \$600,000 additional bonds, sufficient to complete the project's distributing system.

Not only will the project be thus completed but the issue will provide for the taking up of the discounts on the first issue, and will pay the interest on the complete issue for the first three years.

Interest in the election was keen and the vote shows that the people of the territory served were almost unanimous in favor of proceeding with the work. The following was the vote by precincts: Vines precinct, 18 for, one against; Vale precinct, 44 for, four against; Mallett precinct, 27 for, 18 against.

BLAINE-STIRLING WEDDING QUIETLY SOLEMNIZED AT VALE

At Vale last Wednesday afternoon Miss Dorothy E. Blaine of Laramie, Wyoming became the bride of Joe Stirling of this city. After returning to Ontario from the county seat for a few days visit with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stirling, they left for Riverside for a few weeks, following which they will move to Wyoming to make their home.

Mrs. W. G. Jenkins of Boise spent the week end in Ontario.

BURNS FOLKS GOING OUT AFTER GOOD ROADS NOW

P. B. Wittenheller of Burns, Crane and other sections of Harney county was in Ontario Monday enroute for Portland. Mr. Wittenheller is one of Harney county's well known citizens, and one of its hardest advocates of good roads. His special pet in the good road program is a highway across Oregon from West to East, with Ontario on the East end and Eugene on the West with Harney county well served in between. For this reason he was glad to learn that Malheur county contemplates putting \$45,000 of its road bond money on this route. The other members of the Harney delegation went to Portland via Burns.

FAILURE LOOMS FOR VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

Both City and County are Behind Quota—Malheur County Apparently Willing to Let Heroes Stay in Europe.

If it were dependent upon Ontario and Malheur county to bring back its proportion of the men of the A. E. F. there would be a lot of disappointed homes in this section. There would not be enough funds to pay the bill. At least that is the deduction, the only deduction that can be made for the standing of the county on the Victory Loan.

In plain English, Ontario and Malheur county have failed in this last patriotic effort. Many of its citizens reputed and known to have plenty of money have not taken bonds. That is the long and the short of it. The average man, the ones with the small incomes for whom to buy a bond means privation have met the test—some who have money and have it because the war sent wool to top prices are not on the list. Strange, isn't it?

Today, (Thursday) Ontario has subscribed just \$107,000 of its \$122,000 quota. Of this amount \$21,600 came from a Portland firm, Morris Brothers. Of this amount \$25,000 was subscribed by the two banks, \$15,000 by the First National; \$10,000 by the Ontario National; and \$5,000 was subscribed by J. R. Blackaby personally. Thus only four subscribers took nearly half the amount credited to the entire city.

In all there are 197 subscribers on the roll, of which 98 are recorded at the Ontario National and 99 at the First National. In the last campaign there were 700 subscribers in Ontario.

WANT WHITE STEEDS FOR SHRINE PATROL

Freeland Kendrick of Lulu Temple Philadelphia Seeking 100 Malheur County Horses for Portland Parade.

When the Imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine gather in Portland in 1920, the patrol which will do the honors for Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia will be mounted on pure white horses, many of which will come from Malheur county, if they can be secured here.

Dr. Jacob Prinsing who is deputy potentate of the shriners for this section has been requested to secure the necessary white steeds for the fest-topped horsemen, and is anxious that Malheur county contributes the mounts. Of course he expects to secure them, for the fame of this section of Oregon as a horse producing region has penetrated the confines of the city of Brotherly Love, Ben Franklin, J. Hampton Moore and Freeland Kendrick.

Mr. Kendrick, by the way, is some citizen in the land made famous by Matthew M. Clay, John Wamamaker and Cornelius Magillieud. When he was potentate of the famous Lulu Temple of the Pennsylvania metropolis and a candidate for a place on the Imperial divan of the Shrine, he took a band of 80 pieces to St. Paul in 1905, bedecked its members in four or five uniforms, hired a big headquarters on Sixth street and proceeded to show the rest of shrinedom the latest stunts in political boosting.

That he will, as Imperial Potentate, stage the greatest session that shrinedom ever witnessed goes without saying, and here is where the owners of pure white horses can cash in, for Mr. Kendrick wants them, and what he wants he gets. Owners of white horses can step forward and name their price, and get it, if it's reasonable, for horses to be delivered for 1920.

Otto Blackaby who presides over the destinies of the Homedale Forwarding company came down from the Gem region to see his father and put a lot of business problems up to him for solution. Homedale is doing well and there is not a little building in that region, says the Homedale merchant.

OWYHEE PROJECT HAS EXCELLENT PROSPECT

CONGRESSMAN N. J. SINNOTT VISITS MALHEUR COUNTY GOES OVER OWYHEE PROJECT AND DISCUSSES PROSPECTS

ELEMENTS FAVOR OWYHEE

Illness of Daughter in New York Cut Short Stay—Hard to Tell Just What Congress Will do Reclamation Bill to Pass.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott surprised Ontario with a visit last Saturday and Sunday. He left early Monday morning for New York where he was called by the illness of his daughter for whom he was deeply concerned while in the city.

While in this section, after being advised by wire that his daughter was somewhat improved, he took time to go over the Owyhee Project with W. H. Brooks, and also discussed irrigation conditions, so far as federal legislation affects it, with many who called upon him at the Moore Hotel. He also spent part of Sunday at Vale.

Owyhee Has Good Prospects. "Of course it is almost impossible to predict what Congress will do when it gets into session. After the appropriation bills are passed, which the House must do first or there will be no money for the government departments, I expect to see the reconstruction measures put to the front. I believe that some reclamation bill will be passed that will permit the construction of a number of new projects. And if that is done the Owyhee project has an excellent chance to be one of those to be started forward."

"This is true on account of the progress that has already been made, of the reports available and the opinion held concerning it by Director Davis of the Reclamation service. I have taken this matter up with Mr. Davis a great many times and I know that he regards the Owyhee project highly."

Just how the new reclamation measures will come before the House, whether by its terms it will designate that certain portions shall be spent in the West, certain portions in the South and the balance in the North exclusive of the West, has not been determined. There is some sentiment to so bring forward the bill as that it will receive the support of the Southern and Northern representatives. The people out here do not realize how much opposition there is in certain portions of the country to reclamation work, and how some of the leaders in Congress from both parties howl when one of the reclamation measures come up for consideration.

When asked what could be done to secure for Oregon its share of the public monies that have gone from this state for the sale of public lands, and which under the original reclamation act should have been spent in the state Mr. Sinnott said:

"I tried once to get reactivated section ten of the original reclamation act after it had been repealed but could not do so. It is hard to say just what can be done to get the state's share of the money now when so many projects are calling for funds in all portions of the West, but that Oregon is entitled to more money is certain and we are trying to get it." On the League of Nation's outcome in Congress, on the Senatorial question for the next year and the presidential problem Mr. Sinnott made no observations.

COUNTY HISTORIAN SEEKS CO-OPERATION

Mrs. T. M. Lowe of Nysa at Work Compiling Activities of Malheur County Soldiers—Suggests Memorial Service.

Mrs. T. M. Lowe of Nysa who has been appointed historian for Malheur county to record the activities of this section in the great war is asking for the assistance of all who can to make the record complete.

Any information relative to the men who enlisted, or who were inducted into the service, their organizations, battles engaged in, whether they were wounded, ill, killed, captured or in fact anything of interest that happened to them would greatly facilitate the work and make possible the early completion of a comprehensive record.

Any one who can contribute to this cause is urged to write Mrs. Lowe complete details.

Mrs. Lowe also suggests that on the coming Memorial Day special note be taken of the boys who made the supreme sacrifice and who now lie "In Flanders' fields, where poppies blow."

As a part of that program the Argus will, when the names are secured print them in its columns beneath the memorial poem which Mrs. Lowe suggests.